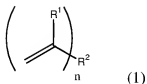
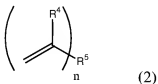


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

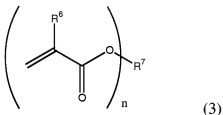
1. (Currently Amended) A ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer which is obtainable by polymerizing a vinyl monomer in the manner of living radical polymerization and adding a compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds at the end of the polymerization.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer according to Claim 1, which is prepared by polymerizing at least one kind of vinyl monomers selected from among (meth)acrylic monomers, acrylonitrile monomers, aromatic vinyl monomers, fluorine-containing vinyl monomers and silicon-containing vinyl monomers.
3. (Original) A composition which comprises, as an essential component, a hydroxyl-terminated polymer falling under the polymer according to Claim 2 and a compound having, in each molecule thereof, not less than two functional groups reactive with the hydroxyl group.
4. (Original) A composition which comprises, as an essential component, a hydroxyl-terminated polymer falling under the polymer according to Claim 1 and a compound having, in each molecule thereof, not less than two functional groups reactive with the hydroxyl group.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer according to Claim 1 wherein the compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds is a compound represented by a chemical formula selected from the group consisting of general formulas 1, 2 and 3 shown below:



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a group selected from the group consisting of Ph, CN and  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  being a ~~monovalent~~ monovalent organic group,  $\text{R}^2$  is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and  $n$  is an integer of not less than 2;

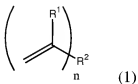


wherein  $R^4$  is H, Me or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms,  $R^5$  is ~~an organic~~ a benzene or naphthalene group having two or more substituted groups and  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more;

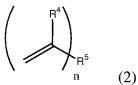


wherein  $R^6$  is H, Me, CN or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms,  $R^7$  is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and  $n$  is an integer of not less than 2.

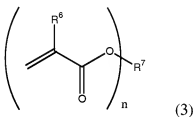
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer according to Claim 2 wherein the compound having two or more polymerizable carbon-carbon double bonds is a compound represented by a chemical formula selected from the group consisting of general formulas 1, 2 and 3 shown below:



wherein  $R^1$  is a group selected from the group consisting of Ph, CN and  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  being a monovalent organic group,  $\text{R}^2$  is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and  $n$  is an integer of not less than 2;



wherein  $R^4$  is H, Me or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms,  $R^5$  is a benzene or naphthalene group having two or more substituted groups and  $n$  is an integer of 2 or more;



wherein  $R^6$  is H, Me, CN or a group selected from the group consisting of organic groups containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms,  $R^7$  is an organic group having a valency of not less than two and  $n$  is an integer of not less than 2.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the molecular weight distribution of the resulting polymer is not more than 2.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~chain-extended polymer~~ or stellar polymer according to Claim 2, wherein the molecular weight distribution of the resulting polymer is not more than 2.